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JOLLY CHRISTMAS PARTY HERE

County Memorial Building May Be Erected

DECATUR EXPECTS MONSTER CROWD

Interesting Program Is Now Being Framed for Jollification

In all verity of truth, Decatur's big happy prospective Christmas party to come on next Friday afternoon and night, December 14th, is occasioning more comment and discussion and anticipation of sheer delights and pleasure than any agreeable idea ever thought of for execution in Decatur before. And, responsive to those happyfying impressions, it is probable that one of the largest congregations of people ever assembled in the town will be here to mix and mingle and to share in the multiple phases of clean, human enjoyment that the big event will provide.

The committee is steadily going forward with all plans of preparation. The public wedding, tho in itself an original and fresh departure from the usual, is to be one of the stellar events. There are many others, all joyful, original and full of real fun and jollification of the delightful holiday period. It would be worth while, for instance, to travel many miles to hear the singing of the beautiful Christmas carols by Decatur's Music Club, composed of the majority of the best voices of the town.

The big crowd itself, old friends meeting old friends in true friendliness and hospitality, will in itself make a lure of attraction for many. But there will be stunts and games and every conceivable manner of entertainments, with the holiday spirit floating over all. There will be gay lights and festivities, music and refreshments, decorations, old Christmas usages and observances, the old fine candy break, the carnival spirit, the picturesqueness of quaint costumes, a wonderful display of fresh new goods and wares for every use and a greeting and hand-shake in every store and shop and bank.

And right in the middle of all this splash of beauty and fun and color and the enjoyment of life will break a genuine wedding, when two truly loving hearts will be bound in twain forever from the backs of horses. Truly it is to be an equestrian wedding. Mounted on specially elected barges and costumed in chaps and sombreros and high boots, the gay and cavalierly couple will ride to the nuptial bower of decorated electric lights and there be declared as one. In the cavalcade will ride friends and neighbors from the rural community from whence the chosen couple will come, and the chargers will prance to the stirring and profound strains of Mendelssohn.

Incidentally, there is to be a very dramatic production, a farce comedy of delightful fun, to be put on by the bewitching young maids and matrons of Decatur's L. A. L. Club.

All the town is tuning itself up to this big event. Day by day the local interest and excitement increases. It is going to be a spurge of happiness from beginning to end, this expansive event when the old hospitable town of Decatur will reach forth and take unto herself her friends from all over the county for one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in their lives. And pa and ma are officially and parentally going to see that their many children have a royal time. You shouldn't ever think that Decatur's Christmas party could be given without the motherly and fatherly administrations of the Christmas party's pa and ma. When you get to Decatur, just surrender yourself into the care of pa and ma and you'll be in safe hands. We won't tell you who pa and ma will be, but everybody will know them and welcome them when they see them.

REPORT ON SCHOOL CONDITIONS GIVEN

There has been very much recent improvement in the school conditions in Wise county. The excellent qualifications of the teachers shows that trustees and county superintendent have used good judgment in their selection of teachers. Much of the progress is due to the co-operation of county superintendent, trustees, patrons, pupils and citizens of Wise county. Sanitary conditions have been made better and almost one hundred per cent of the floors have been oiled. Improved heating systems are being installed, libraries are being increased and much attention is being given to proper lighting, ventilation and suitable desks for the children. Many schools have indoor flower gardens and the flowers are blooming in mid-winter. Most of the schools have some play-ground apparatus. There have been new school houses constructed in some districts.

There is need for improvement in some of the school. However, it is thought that most of such needs will be complied with by next term. Plans are being made for increasing local support of the schools for next term. The state law requires that school districts must be levying and collecting at least a seventy-five cent school tax on one hundred dollars valuation to qualify for state aid next term. However, there seem to be plans for calling elections in most districts at an early date, and it is thought that most districts will qualify in time for receiving aid next term. Signed JEFFERSON G. SMITH, State Rural School Supervisor.

VOTE THANKS FOR OFFICERS OF C. OF C.

By the unanimous action of the Decatur chamber of commerce board of directors meeting in regular session last Tuesday night, resolutions were passed and ordered spread on the minutes approving and commending the past year's services rendered the organization by President W. A. Hughes and Secretary Cliff D. Cates. In the absence of Mr. Hughes, Vice President C. P. Dodson presided, and there were present of the board the following: W. A. Helm, J. J. Rieger, W. P. Thurmond, J. A. Simmons, C. D. Dodson and T. L. Ball.

FORMER RESIDENT OF COUNTY IS DEAD

Mrs. Minnie Eskridge, wife of W. H. Eskridge, died at her home in Hobart, Oklahoma, last Wednesday morning. The funeral services and interment occurred in Hobart yesterday.

Mrs. Eskridge was well known in this community, and has a number of relatives here. She was reared in the Pleasant Grove community, below Decatur, and resided here till about ten years ago, when she moved with her husband and family to Hobart. She had been in ill health for some time, and her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Eskridge was a splendid woman and a devout christian, and she leaves a host of good friends in this county.

Deceased is survived by her husband, a son and two daughters.

CLUB SPONSOR FOR FORTY-TWO PARTY

The Owl Club will sponsor a forty-two tournament on the night of Tuesday, December 11th, in the local armory hall.

The number of tables is limited to thirty, so secure your ticket early from some member of the club. The tickets will be fifty cents. Refreshments will be served, and several surprises will be in store for those attending.

This club gives a scholarship each year to a worthy student to Decatur Baptist College. The expense of this amounts to about eighty dollars a year. The proceeds from this tournament will go toward paying for this scholarship. Help a worthy cause by buying a ticket and come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

JUDGE LECTURES STUBBORN BOYS

Memories Refreshed for Youths by a Visit to the County Jail

Judge F. O. McKinsey is doing some lecturing in these days of the grand jury, and it is reported by the officers that the judge's wholesome advice is being heeded by those brought before him by the grand jury.

For many years, in fact, ever since grand juries were instituted in the county, it has been the practice of young men summoned before the inquisitorial body to allow their memories to go bad, and "forget" incidents and affairs which are of interest to the Silent Twelve. And, upon numerous occasions the young men have escaped giving answers to the questions. Not so, Watson, with the present grand jury. Foreman A. Y. Leslie refuses to stand for this lapse of memory on the part of the young men, and as a result of two young Americans playing up the scheme to "get by" without telling the truth, the assistance of Judge McKinsey was asked, and the judge gave the young men sound lectures with fines of one hundred dollars and jail sentences attached.

After several hours in jail the two asked to be taken before the jury, and it is reported they "came clean" and told their stories. While being escorted over from the jail, one of the boys remarked to Deputy W. G. Standley: "That's the dog-gonest jury and judge I ever saw. I've been before grand juries before, and it's the first time I was made, and I mean made, to tell the truth."

MISS CHAMBERS TO BE DEMONSTRATOR

Miss Carolina Chambers of Waco, has been appointed to succeed Miss Jewell Taylor as home demonstration agent of Wise county. Miss Taylor tendered her resignation to the commissioners' court some weeks ago, and will on December 15th become the bride of Mr. Earl F. Wright, a prominent business man of Denton.

The new demonstrator, Miss Chambers, comes highly recommended by Miss Bess Edwards, district agent. She is a graduate of the San Marcos Normal College and has been the principal of a nine-teacher school in Colorado for three or four years. She is at present teaching in Waco.

Miss Chambers is expected to be in Decatur Saturday, and will at once enter upon duties of her office here.

Miss Jewell Taylor has made a very enviable record as home demonstration agent in this county, and her work has brought forth splendid results among the rural community clubs and the organizations of the girls of the county. She has been very faithful and energetic in her work, and her charming personality has made friends for her wherever she has gone. Expressions of regret at her resignation are heard from every community.

NEW ORCHESTRA IS ORGANIZED IN CITY

A new musical organization has been formed in this city, known as the "Happy Four Orchestra," composed of Johnnie Mae and Jessie Lee Stone, T. L. Dillehay Jr. and J. I. McDaniel. These young musicians gave their opening concert at the college chapel last Wednesday morning, and their efforts were highly appreciated.

They will furnish the music for the Majestic this Friday night.

LIVESTOCK TRUCK SCHEDULES GIVEN

The Wise County Pure Bred Livestock Association has completed its schedule of the tour it will make over the county in the interest of better stock and farming, as follows:

Wednesday, December 12th—Ten o'clock a. m., Rhome; two o'clock p. m., Newark; seven o'clock p. m., Boyd.

Thursday, December 13th—Ten o'clock a. m., Paradise; two o'clock p. m., Bridgeport; seven o'clock p. m., Chico.

Friday, December 14th—Ten a. m., Park Springs; two o'clock p. m., Alvord.

Saturday, December 15th—Decatur, all day.

The tour is to be composed of trucks and conveyances for the transport of various types of fine stock, in addition to the personnel of the party. This last is to be composed of several of the best local fine stock breeders and a group of specialists of state-wide note, namely Professor J. W. Ridgeway of Mistletoe Creameries Company of Fort Worth, George W. Barnes, beef cattle specialist of A. & M. College, Agronomist R. A. Miller of A. & M. College, and probably G. L. Crawford, district agent. The tour will have all the helpful assistance that can be rendered by County Agent W. M. Love and the Decatur chamber of commerce.

It must be regarded as good fortune for any community to have this expedition stop in its midst. Local influential and business men and farmers everywhere should see that large crowds be collected for these meetings.

The meeting in Decatur on Saturday, December 15th, is to be distinguished by the hold of the trial of the scrub, in addition to the talks which the specialists will indulge in on various lines. The trial is now famous and is as laughable as it is edifying. A scrub bull will be brought into court and tried for his life.

The program for the forenoon of this day is to be given over to a big school meet of the county trustees which has been called by Mrs. Effie Price, county superintendent, to deal with the needs of the school situation in the county. With these meetings and Decatur's big Christmas party to occur the evening before, there will be stirring events to happen in Decatur on these several dates.

RED CROSS CLOSET REPORT FOR YEAR

Report of the loan closet Decatur chapter of American Red Cross, from November 8th, 1922, to November 11th, 1923.

Loans were made to forty-four persons.

A hundred and sixty-three articles were loaned.

Fifteen renewals were made. Over one hundred articles were borrowed more than once.

One chronic case, having bedding and gowns for six months.

Three absolutely destitute maternity cases were cared for.

The first aid cabinet is in constant use in the school.

All linens are in good order. Two rubber sheets and some other rubber goods have worn out during the year.

DELIGHT M. SHAFFER, Custodian, Red Cross Loan Closet.

W. R. LUNN DIED AT HIS HOME IN BOWIE

The funeral of W. R. (Uncle Bill) Lunn, aged seventy-one years, who died at his home in Bowie last Friday afternoon, was held there Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the family residence, Rev. Hughes conducting the services. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Lunn was one of the early settlers of Bowie, moving there forty years ago from Tennessee. He is survived by a wife and six daughters and one son.

D. Y. Lunn and Mrs. E. L. Brandenburg of Decatur, attended the funeral services.

GOVERNMENT SAYS MUST HOUSE UNIT

Building Must Be Built or Local Battery Is To Disorganize

The Decatur chamber of commerce stands committed to the construction of a community memorial building, housing an auditorium and other civic conveniences, and dedicated to Wise county world war patriots, if an adequate building program can be worked out.

This much came to light in the regular meeting of the local board of directors held last Tuesday night.

It is not a new suggestion to recognize the services performed in war by our local contingents, two of whom sacrificed their lives that liberty may stand. Probably all the patriotic people of Wise county, in recognition of valorous service performed, would feel a pride in making a due if belated acknowledgment of this debt of patriotism.

And now we are awakened to the fact that another loyal body stands organized in our midst to fight for us and surrender their lives if need be, the local battery wing of the state military service, captained by Newton P. Taylor. This battery must have a home, storage rooms for material, a meeting quarters and stables for horses, or be disorganized from service. Local patriotism should not consent that this be done. The local battery reflects pride on the county and is not without its practical and financial benefits. The community should provide suitable quarters for their continued prosperous existence. The conveniences of a general community building would adequately fill that requirement.

On the general subject of the uses of a building of the suggested character, we quote from a contemporary.

"Surprisingly few cities or towns have adequate meeting places for their non-political municipal activities. Mass meetings, large patriotic gatherings, etc. have to depend for the most part on borrowed churches or school houses or rented theatres. The auditorium and assembly rooms of the community house will not only fill the need but will encourage the freer coming together of large and small groups of people for discussion of civic and general interest matters. Small rooms will be available for committee meetings and for the use of civic improvement clubs, public health and sanitation commissions and kindred purposes.

"Many non-partisan, non-sectarian organizations will logically find their home in the community house. There is a peculiar fitness for its being the headquarters for American Legion, as for community service, the Red Cross and similar bodies. The chamber of commerce, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Boy Scouts and other organizations promoting better community life may by special provision have their headquarters here also. The Grange, the county welfare commission, the farm demonstrators and whatever bodies represent the joint interests of the town and the surrounding country, or of the county as a whole, or tend to bring about a closer understanding between farmer and business man, should be specifically provided for. An information bureau may be included in the facilities of the building unless already conducted by the chamber of commerce or other agencies. Certainly there should be rest rooms and comfort stations for men and women."

You can get the Messenger one year and the Star-Telegram daily and Sunday one year for \$8.20; or the Messenger and the Star-Telegram daily only for \$6.70.

"The town is full of dogs," stated a merchant yesterday. "Every dog in town seems to make a daily trip to the square and does not go home till he makes the rounds of all the city's grocery stores. Why not enforce the ordinance calling for a dog tax?" Yes, why not?

Porter Key, living west of town, was in the crowd which heard the blind men sing popular songs on the streets here Saturday. After listening to several catchy songs, Porter remarked to the Messenger reporter, who had joined the throng: "Just think how they could warble if they had good eyes."

"I'd like to know who tipped that poker game to the grand jury," stated a youthful devotee of the cards to a friend this week just after he had been a guest of the grand jury. "We thought no one knew of the game; but the grand jury seemed to have all the particulars. It is getting so that there's always somebody to spill the beans."

"With a little effort on the part of our citizens, the county can build a memorial building that will take care of the local military company, giving the unit splendid quarters, besides having comfortable quarters for all public meetings. Decatur needs such a building; the government demands that suitable quarters be secured for the battery here."—C. P. Dodson.

Charles Quisenberry, "the law of the Greenwood country," was here this week conferring with the gentlemen of the grand jury. For several years Quisenberry has been a terror to evil doers in his section, and his fellow citizens have learned to respect his efforts and ability as an officer to such an extent that of late years Greenwood has become one of the most peaceful communities of the county.

"Sunday was a bad day, rain falling thruout the morning, but did you notice what a splendid turn-out we had at Sunday school?"—T. L. Ball, superintendent of the First Methodist Sunday school. "Didn't the pastor hit the nail on the head in his sermon on 'The World is Growing Better.' That showing in Sunday school for a cold, rainy day is some proof of the soundness and truthfulness of Preacher Baker's claim."

"Will the Messenger please call attention to the deplorable condition of the road immediately in vicinity of the bridge over Sandy creek," shouted a farmer Tuesday who had just come over the bad road. "It is stated that a number of wagons and automobiles have had rough sledding across this stretch of road during the past week, and several have had to be assisted in negotiating the place. 'Put our complaint in the Messenger, and maybe we'll get some relief,' added the farmer as he drove on the court house square."

Rev. J. H. Heathington, one of the best known preachers in the county, now pastor of the Chico First Baptist church, was in town Tuesday. Rev. Heathington is not only a worker in the Lord's vineyard, but he believes in good roads. In conversation with a Messenger reporter he said: "Good roads are absolutely necessary if the people are to live in peace and plenty. And, do you know," continued the veteran minister, "the office of county commissioner is one of the most important, if not the most important, office within the gift of the people, and it is a fact that a large number of people do not realize this."

An unusual sign was posted on a bill board in South Decatur this week. It is the picture representing the visit of the three wise men to the Christ child in the manger. Beneath is the quotation: "And when they had opened their treasures they presented unto Him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh." It is a beautiful picture and will greatly assist in spreading the real Christmas spirit in the community. Messenger commends the spirit which prompted the use of this advertising space for this splendid purpose. The bill board is operated by the Bridgeport Poster Company.

F. L. Woolaver, living on rural route three out of Decatur: "I want the Messenger to visit my home during the coming year. In my opinion it is the fairest and squarest paper I have ever taken. It treats us all alike; the high and low, rich and poor; whatever station, Messenger gives us a square deal. I remember your splendid write-up of the character and life of old Sandy Ford when he died. The Messenger was the only paper in the county that gave this man a notice when he passed out."

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DECATUR COLLEGE
WINS FINAL GAME.

Decatur College Indians defeated Westminster College of Tehuacanah at Mexia on Thanksgiving 26 to 6 before a crowd estimated at fifteen hundred. Neither team scored in the first quarter, the field being heavy from so many rains. In the third quarter Westminster recovered a fumble in mid-field and raced fifty-five yards for their lone score, failing to kick goal for the extra point.

The Indians received in the first quarter and journeyed forward for a touch-down. Jennings, Scott and Shaw marching over most of the territory and Sims scoring on an end run. Sebastain kicked goal.

In the second period, Jennings made twenty-six yards on an end run, Shaw eight yards thru the line, Scott seven yards and first down, then Sims went off-tackle for five yards. Hodgekins skipped off ten on tackle around and Scott plunged over the goal line but the ball was moved back on the six-inch line. On the next play King and Sebastain opened up and the ball was carried over for the third score of the game. Westminster received but was held for downs and forced to punt to Sims, who returned thirty-five yards up the side line.

Fourth quarter. Petty adventured around left end for thirty-five yards. Shaw bucked the line for eight yards. Jennings reeled off another twenty-five yards, side stepping and stiff arming tackle after tackle, making a beautiful run. Scott penetrated the line for eight yards. Petty and Lyles rolled the secondary perfectly all during the game. Shaw made six yards and then Sims ten yards around right end. Green was substituted for Shaw and made eighteen yards on off tackle play. Green made eleven yards thru line. Green got thirteen yards more around end. Scott was thrown for a nine-yard loss on a fake. The Indians punted, Sims returning for twenty-three yards. Scott then made eleven yards. Green made two yards. Jennings made three yards. Sims passed to Petty for fifteen yards and touch-down. Green kicked goal. The Westminster bunch, reeled and tried pass after pass but failed. Only one first down was made during the game by Westminster.

Smith played stellar ball at center, passing well and downing opponents for many losses on defense. Spain, beside him at left guard, worked nicely.

CONDUCT TRIAL OF
SCRUB BULL HERE

Following the festivities of Decatur's Christmas party Friday afternoon and evening, December 14th, on Saturday, December 15th, there will be held two meetings of unusual interest to all the county people, the county conference on school matters called by County Superintendent Mrs. Effie Price to convene at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and the meeting on progressive stock farming and better general farming, dairying etc. to be held in the afternoon in the chamber of commerce hall after dinner. The farm and dairy meeting will begin at one-thirty p. m. with the famous trial of the scrub bull which will take place on the street. The personnel of the court will be: County Judge S. M. Ward, judge; attorney for the prosecution, Professor J. W. Ridgeway of Mistletoe Creameries of Fort Worth; attorney for the defense, M. L. Wallis; clerk of the court, Fred Thomason; witnesses for the prosecution and defense, Jim Young, Rev. J. L. Ward, Hub Dillehay, C. H. Myers and Ernest Gilliland; jury, John Dickson, D. B. Gilliland, John Horseman, C. C. McDaniel, Ben Harmonson, Jim Gage, Lanham Gentry, Ed Cates, Z. W. Petree, O. T. Bryant, Henry Walker and Marvin Badger. A scrub bull will be tried for his life and condemned to death. The trial is a great fun provoker but highly instructive.

Talks on dairying and many good farming methods will be made by Professor Ridgeway, one of the noted dairy experts, perhaps the leader of the southwest; George W. Barnes, beef cattle specialist of the A. & M. College; R. A. Miller, agronomist of A. & M. College, who will talk on crop rotation, terracing and the use of mineral fertilizer. These are to be very valuable discussions and should be largely attended.

The Decatur meeting is to be the last one in the series that will be held in various parts of the county by the Wise County Pure-Bred Livestock Association, assisted by County Agent W. M. Love and the Decatur chamber of commerce.

Trucks will convey pure-bred specimens and talks will be made by the above mentioned specialists at all places mentioned in the following schedule:

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Friday, December 14th—Ten a. m. Park Springs; two o'clock p. m., Alvord.

Saturday, December 15th—Decatur county school meeting ten o'clock a. m. Livestock and dairy meeting at one-thirty o'clock p. m. in chamber of commerce hall.

In addition to the above, Specialist D. T. Simons, field man of the Texas Jersey Cattle Association and producing dairyman of Fort Worth, will discuss dairy marketing.

JOE BAILEY FORMS
COMMUNITY CLUB

On last Thursday, the people of Joe Bailey community met at the school house at ten-thirty.

After a short program by school children, a Thanksgiving service was held, then some talks on "The Needs of the Community," after which a Joe Bailey Community Club was organized.

At noon there was a wonderful spread, with all manner of good things to eat. For an hour and half then all kinds of games were played in which old folks as well as young took part, and many hearty laughs were had, as men and matrons in one big ring played such old-fashioned games as "Adam and Eve," "Three-Deer," etc. It was about the jolliest, peppiest bunch imaginable, everybody a sport as he entered into the spirit of the day.

Then came some basketball games between Joe Bailey and Flatwoods. Everyone had such a good time, they exclaimed it was "the end of a perfect day."

As the Community Club grows, there are many other days of profit as well as pleasure expected.

A pie supper will be held at the Pecan school house on Friday night, December 7th. Proceeds will go to the fund for providing hot lunches for the school children. You have a cordial invitation to be present.

GIVE HONOR ROLL
OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

Following are the honor rolls and class averages of the public schools for the third school month, ending November 30th. The averages are based on regularity and punctuality of attendance, application, deportment and scholarship.

Miss Morrow's Room—Beginners: T. J. Mann Jr, Harry Lobdell, Samuel Farler, Bobbie Dalton, H. L. Donaldson, Javita McClung, Louise Woodfin, Maxine Williamson, Ina Loy Stone, Beatrice Goach. Class average, 93.

Miss Hogg's Room—First grade: Horace Baugh, Miller Ferguson, R. L. Hunt, Marlin Lewis, Raymond Morris, Frank Thurman, Naomi Burtis. Second grade: Adrian Gregg, Waltina Boyd, A. D. Reeves, Edgar Newby, Martha Dickson, Emma Lynn Gill, Francis Green, Jewel Thomas, Audrey Wauford. Class average, 93.1

Miss Reeves's Room—Second grade: Walter Ray Kerr, G. W. Tyson Jr, Margaret Aston, Alvarita Badger, Mildred Griner, Mozelle Roe, Dorothy Lee Buttrill. Third grade: Mary Neal Freeman, J. Z. Spain. Class average, 93.8.

Miss Ford's Room—Third grade: Crawford Buttrill, Ralph Dalton, La Verne Smith, Jewel Burton, Mary Elizabeth Stockton. Fourth grade: Wendell Rogers, James Simpson, Will Evelyn Burton, Geraldine Orr, Virginia Patterson, Stella Bess Stokes, Lorene Allred. Class average, 93.6.

Miss Floyd's Room—Fourth grade: Zelma Phillips. Class average, 87.

Miss Robertson's room—Fourth grade: Kathrine Valera Brown, Maxine Christian, Elizabeth L. Lillard, Dana Louise Tilghman, Irene Wilkerson. Fifth grade: Frances Jones, Jim Tom Petty, Cody Sandifer, Glenn Arnett, Wilbur Spain, Erlene Baugh. Class average, 93.4.

Miss Ball's Room—Fifth grade: Cathrine Lewis, Vera McCurdy, Betty A. Workman, Woody Stokes. Sixth grade: Lucile Foxall, Mary McCracken, Elmer Abbott, J. B. Roach. Class average, 93.1.

Miss Christian's room—Fifth grade: Ava White, Louise Greer, Joyce Lacy, Hortense Potts. Sixth grade: Grace Mildred Carlton, Alice Rosenberg. Class average, 89.

Mrs. Crouch's room—seventh grade: Ovid Shelton. Class average, 93.9.

Miss Harding's Room—Seventh grade: Orlena Davenport, Alice Frances Kerr. Class average, 91.5.

High School—Eight grade: Pearl Milton, Jim Tom Barton, Imogene Moore, Perry Sandifer, Isabelle Hunt, Herman Jones, Harold Jones, Frances Lacy, Orus Mooney. Ninth grade: Troy Porter. Tenth grade: Marguerite Mecasky. Eleventh grade: Austin Jones.

The pupils of the following teachers deserve special mention in having no tardies during the month: Miss Floyd, Miss Robertson, Miss Ball, Miss Christian, Miss Harding and Mrs. Crouch. L. B. GILL, Superintendent Decatur Schools

ATHLETICS WILL BE
FEATURE OF PARTY

The festivities for Decatur's Christmas party begin in the afternoon of next Friday, December 14th, at three-thirty with many kinds of games and stunts on the streets. Scheduled so far are a three-legged sack race, fat man's race, potato race, wheelbarrow race, climbing greased pole, etc. A cash prize will be awarded winners in each contest. Also there is to be some physical torturing by some well known individuals of very ponderous avoirdupois. This is to be a scream. Don't miss it. Don't miss anything. Rev. W. Harrison Baker is at one end of the committee for managing the stunts and Speed Taylor is at the other; in the middle are Lev Sellars and Gordon New—so you know something is going to be doing.

The rest of the fun comes on at night, beginning at seven o'clock.

FLAME DESTROYED
BARN WEDNESDAY

The barn of J. R. Reynolds, near Rhame, was destroyed by fire on last Wednesday night. The cause of the fire is unknown.

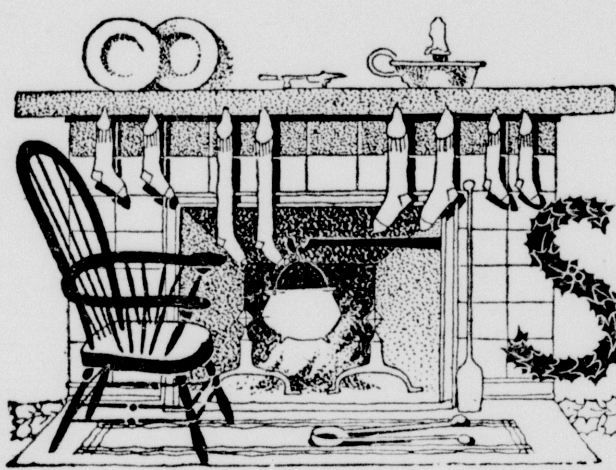
In the fire Mr. Reynolds lost four hundred bales of hay, three hundred and fifty bushels of wheat, forty bushels of corn, a quantity of oats and several sets of good harness.

MANY APPLES ARE
SOLD AT DECATUR

There have been four thousand bushels of apples sold in Decatur community during the past months. At least one-half a million apples have been consumed by citizens in three months. If they had been distributed thruout the county every man, woman and child in the county would have eaten six and two-thirds apples. Say that apples had been distributed equally to the citizens of Decatur, each inhabitant would have received a hundred and sixty-six and two-thirds apples. Figuring each apple measures two and one-half inches in diameter, the apples sold in this town during September, October and November, if placed in a row, would reach from the county court house to a point ten miles down the Meridian Highway. If placed on the scales the beam would tip ninety tons, or one hundred and eighty thousand pounds. If eaten by one person, at the rate of an apple a day, the doctor would be kept away for a period of one thousand and three hundred and sixty-nine years. Some apples!

Price is right, quality is perfect and quantity is sufficient in "Pride of Texas" flour, Lillard Mill, since '93.

Oh yes, we have Purina cow-chow, the only perfect balanced ration. Lillard Mill, since '93.



HOLIDAY
SUGGESTIONS



The Christmas Gift
Is a Great Problem for One and All

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO GIVE? WHAT SHALL I GIVE? WHAT WILL BE APPROPRIATE TO GIVE? COMING AT A TIME WHEN HOLIDAY SHOPPING MAKES A GREATER CALL THAN EVER ON THE MONEY PURSE, OUR SPECIAL OFFERING WILL HELP YOU IN YOUR GIFT SELECTIONS AS WELL AS IN YOUR OWN PERSONAL NEEDS. A FEW TIMELY SUGGESTIONS—MANY OF THEM USEFUL AS WELL AS ORNAMENTAL—AND AT PRICES THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO DUPLICATE ANYWHERE

For Ladies and Girls

- Ladies' Coats, Coat Suits and Dresses
- Ladies' Sweaters and Brushed Wool Shawls
- Ladies' Hats and Scarfs to Match
- Bath Robes and House Slippers
- Ladies' Furs and Fur Chokers
- Ladies' Rain Coats, Trunks and Grips
- Ladies' Bath Sets and Extra Towels
- Ladies' Silver Mesh Bags
- Ladies' Silk Hosiery and Kid Gloves
- Ladies' Handkerchief Boxes and Purses
- Ladies' Toilet Sets and Perfumes
- Ladies' Bracelets and Vanity Sets
- Table Linens and Napkin Sets
- Beads, Ear Screws and Bar Pins
- Candy Boxes and Books
- Toys for the Kiddies

For Men and Boys

- Good Line of Suits and Overcoats
- Dress Shoes and Sweaters
- Silk Shirts and Fur Overcoat Collars
- Suit Cases and Hand Bags
- Stetson Hats and Serviceable Raincoats
- Wool Overshirts and Underwear
- Night Shirts and Bath Robes
- Silk and Wool Hosiery of Quality
- Gold Cuff Links and Collar Buttons
- Up-to-the-Minute Ties and Kid Gloves
- Handkerchiefs and Handkerchief Boxes
- Caps and Silk Mufflers
- Varied Assortment of Belts and Supporters
- Shoes and Oxfords of Latest Styles
- Boots and Work Shoes for Service
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GREENWOOD NEWS

Omer Armstrong made a business trip to Fort Worth last Tuesday. A nice program was rendered at school house Friday evening. On, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold. On, Monday, November 26th, 1923.

Miss Lucile Fenwick of Denton, visited Miss Laura Vermillion on last Tuesday.

Mrs. Homer Clark of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wood.

Mrs. Bertha Ford and baby of near Rhome, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheelock.

Miss Ona Still and Aubrey Davis of Decatur Baptist College, were at home for Thanksgiving.

L. A. Williamson, and wife of Ardmore, Oklahoma, visited E. W. Dodge and family Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hall spent Thanksgiving Day with relatives in Sildell.

Mrs. N. Best and children, Rob. Christine and Weldon, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Mary Manire of Decatur.

Mrs. J. P. Rudd and daughters, Misses Cassie, Jasmine and Johnnie, of Denton, spent week-end at their home here.

The Baptist ladies realized hundred dollars from the Thanksgiving dinner dinner, proceeds to go to Buckner's Orphan Home.

The Thanksgiving service rendered at the Baptist church Thursday evening was very much appreciated, and the singing by Decatur visitors was enjoyed by all. We hope they will be with us again.

Those attending school in Denton who spent Thanksgiving at home were: Arch, Blake, Steve and Lorry Arnold, Knox Quisenberry, wife and baby, Tolbert Shultz, Le Roy Brown and Newton Maxwell.

Mrs. Herbert Montgomery of Post, Mrs. Julia Childress and Ray McCarty, wife and two children of Grandfield, Oklahoma, R. L. McCarty of Frederick, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon England and Lester Foster of Altus, Oklahoma, attended the funeral of G. B. McCarty.

BRUMLOW NEWS

The Brumlow basketball team last Friday defeated the Audubon boys by a score of 56 to 26.

Friday afternoon a team of Greenwood and Audubon players was defeated by a 24 to 10 count.

The sing song Sunday night here was well attended. The house was crowded and the singing lively.

The Brumlow Sunday school last Sunday held its annual election of officers. Henry Walker was made superintendent and Mr. Hillen assistant superintendent.

The spelling match on last Friday night seemed to have been well advertised. The room was filled to its fullest capacity. It resulted in a victory for the "outsiders."

Last Thursday Brumlow basketball team played a practice game with the Rhome team, the score being 19 to 7 in favor of Brumlow. On Friday the Rhome team came to Brumlow, the game being called in the fourth quarter on account of a dispute, the score standing 6 to 3 in Brumlow's favor.

Citation by Publication.

Citation on appointment of temporary guardian.—No. 2086. The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in said Wise county, at least once a week for ten consecutive days before the return day hereof, the following notice:

The state of Texas. To all persons interested in the welfare of Lloyd Simmons, Mildred Simmons, Marjorie Simmons, Lorena Simmons, Bernice Simmons and Mary Ruth Simmons, minors: W. A. Taylor was by the county court of Wise county, Texas, on the 21st day of November, A. D. 1923, duly appointed temporary guardian of the persons and estate of said minors, which appointment will be made permanent, unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1924, at the court house thereof in Decatur, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may appear and contest such appointment, if they so desire.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur this 23rd day of November, A. D. 1923.—JIM BELEW, clerk of county court, Wise county, Texas. By G. S. BLEWETT, Deputy. (Nov 30-Dec 7)

Miss Hoppilea Triplett of Sunset, as been in the city this week, soliciting subscriptions for a Fort Worth newspaper. Miss Triplett recently appeared as a contender for the first prize in the bathing girls' revue in Galveston. She won second prize. Later she appeared at revues in Fort Worth and Dallas and made a "fine showing," being mentioned as one of the most striking beauties in the bevy in which there were twenty-five contestants.

RHOME NEWS

Mrs. Roy Reynolds was a Fort Worth shopper last of the week.

Mrs. J. W. Clawson and Miss Flora Leach were in Decatur on last Friday.

Miss Grace Welch of Moody, was Thanksgiving guest of Miss Loretta McGhee.

Mrs. J. R. Knowles has been called to Kaufman, to be with her father, who is very ill.

J. H. Troxell and family and James Drumond Burch were in Fort Worth on business Friday.

Miss Myrtle Roberts of Corsicana, has been visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Roberts.

S. D. Handly of Ringgold, former superintendent of Rhome schools, spent Friday in our burg.

Joe Denman, Junior A. & M. College student, was with his parents during last week's holidays.

Miss Edna Mae Knowles, who is attending school at Denton, spent Thanksgiving with her parents.

Misses Glenn and Opal Barker of the Bowie high school faculty, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Barker.

Miss Mattie Neel and Eugene Renshaw recently visited Mrs. L. W. Renshaw, who is in a Fort Worth sanitarium.

Misses Merle Van Meter of C. I. A. Denton, was at home Thanksgiving Day. She brought as her guest Miss Leora McNeese.

Misses Varina Powell, Gladys Boyd and Cassie Russell and Thurman Hudnall attended the Majestic on Thanksgiving afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Larson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Brammer of Fort Worth, were guests of J. M. Brammer and family Thursday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ellis, on November 27th, 1923, a daughter. Mrs. Ellis will be favorably remembered as Miss Bess Bobo.

Pat Bobo, Baylor University boy, after attending the football game between Baylor and Southern Methodist University, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Roxie Morris of Fort Worth, was a recent guest of young friends here. She was accompanied on her return home by Charles and Miss Mary Jo Troxell.

Mr. Gordon Barker left Wednesday on an overland trip to Abilene, where he will visit with Boyd and Harry Logan, students at Abilene Christian College.

Misses Gertrude Horton, Florence Bobo, Loretta McGhee, Dannie Sampson and Messrs. Curtis Yant, G. C. Watkins and Thomas Clark, all of Decatur Baptist College, were home last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Holt had as house guests on Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. John Naugle, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Looney and family, William Faulkner, J. R. Troxell and Miss Ruth Lovell of Saginaw.

The public Thanksgiving dinner given by the Baptist ladies for Buckner Orphans' Home was quite successful. Some seventy dollars was made. The co-operation given by the people on this occasion is commendable.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Russell and Miss Cassie Fry entertained as their Thanksgiving guests Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Douglas, Miss Varina Powell, Thurman Hudnall and Marvin Lebew of Fort Worth.

TUBERCULAR SEAL SALE ON IN COUNTY

Altho he is a very busy man, Judge Sam M. Ward, in the generosity of his nature, has consented to act as the distributing officer for the entire county for the Christmas seal tuberculosis stamps. The stamps sell for one cent each and should be labeled on all packages and letters that go out of Wise county from now until the holiday season is over.

Eight suffering patients afflicted with the dreaded disease of tuberculosis have gone out of Wise county to the state sanitarium at Carlsbad; and others may have to go, no telling who; maybe one of yours or one of mine. The proceeds from the sale of the Christmas seals go to the upkeep of the sanitarium and for making the awful sufferers comfortable. In all spirit of mercy and kindness that should distinguish our actions during this particular period do not let us neglect buying and using very generously the Christmas seals.

The seals will be on sale in the stores from now forward. Every merchant is expected to buy a supply for the use of customers. This is about the only practical means of distribution and the public should very willingly co-operate by attending that every bit of express or mail matter leaving Decatur for the next three weeks should go out with the pretty stamps labeled upon it.

WHITE HILL NEWS

Mrs. C. D. Mullins and son, Nelson, of Burk Burnett, are visiting relatives here.

Cecil Pace and sister, Miss Noma, of Oklahoma, are visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. Jim Cabb, who has been suffering from an attack of appendicitis, is recovering.

Arthur Washburn of Decatur Baptist College, spent the week-end here with homefolks.

LONE STAR NEWS

Will Helm of Wichita Falls, has been visiting here.

Miss Millie Newton has been on the sick list this last week.

Miss Georgia Cobb is visiting with relatives in Wichita Falls this week.

The little son of Mr. L. A. Western had the misfortune of getting his left arm broken last Wednesday.

There will be preaching here next Saturday and Sunday, and singing on Sunday evening. Everybody come.

Orvid Mowery and Miss Bernice Stockton of near Alvord, were happily united in wedlock last Saturday.

Quite a number from this place went to the singing at Thomas last Sunday evening. They report a fine singing.

Gene Thomas and wife and little son, Leon, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Buford Lumsden and family in the West Academy vicinity.

Our pie supper last Friday night was a great success. Marvin Dickson of Decatur auctioned off the pies.

After the pies were sold, we gave a box of fruit for the prettiest girl and the ugliest boy—Miss Fannie Long and J. C. Dunaway. They are both from Bethel. Nearly eighty dollars was realized from sales. The money will go to buy equipment for the school.

FLATWOODS NEWS

Miss Fannie Bridges spent Thanksgiving with homefolks.

Our pie social was a success, we realizing about forty dollars.

Mrs. Lee Butler and Mrs. Herman Goodger spent Monday with Mrs. Tom Harlan.

Miss Vera Walker of Decatur, was a week-end guest of the family of Bert Walker.

Miss Dona Pounds spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Harley Bramlett.

Ace Walker and family of Decatur, spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walker.

Rev. Brashear could not fill his regular appointment at our church last Sunday on account of the rain.

Sidney Keoninger and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Womack.

NEW SALEM NEWS

There was singing at New Salem last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ballard Porter of Fort Worth, is visiting his father and mother.

A spelling match was held on last Friday night at the Preskitt school house.

Singing is held every Sunday night at New Salem. Everybody is invited to come out.

Mrs. M. N. Foreman is visiting the family of her son, T. E. Foreman here this week.

Mr. Clarence Lamar and wife are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lamar, of New Salem.

DOUGLASVILLE

Miss Gladys Ford was Fort Worth visitor Saturday.

J. E. Norman purchased a new Ford car last week.

H. S. and M. M. Ford were in Fort Worth two days last week.

M. M. and H. S. Ford made a business trip to Aurora Monday.

Miss Ruth Brown of Rhome, spent the week-end with her parents.

Miss Inez Looney was guest of Miss Ruth Norman Thursday night.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alexander, on Saturday, December 1st, a son.

Edgar Harwell spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Velma Brown, regardless of the rain.

A party was enjoyed by the young people at Miss Mable Reid's on last Saturday night.

Mrs. M. L. Mills visited with several of the ladies in this community during the week.

Miss Allyene Reid, who is attending school at Breckenridge, is home visiting for a few days.

Several new pupils have enrolled in the school the last two weeks, and more are to enroll later.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Butler and daughter, Miss Blanche, left Thursday for an extended visit with their relatives at Burk Burnett.

Those who spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ford were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. De Arman, Mrs. Bessie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Douglas, all of Fort Worth.

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Christmas Boxes
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Smoking Sets
Cigars in Xmas Boxes
Pipes and Cigaret Holders
Gold Safety Razors

Gold-Silver Belt Buckles
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WISDOM OF LIFE

—By Noted Men—

You can not win without sacrifice. Buxton.

Life is good, but not life in itself. Meredith.

Only the heart without a stain knows perfect ease.—Goethe.

The day is always his who works with serenity and great aims.—Emerson.

Who lives for humanity, must be content to lose himself.—Frothingham.

Strengthen me by sympathizing with my strength, not by weakness.—Alcott.

It is what we give up, not what we lay up, that adds to our lasting store.—Ballou.

The sun does not shine upon this fair earth to meet frowning eyes, depend upon it.—Dickens.

Cowardice among the people's representatives is a greater menace to this country than corruption.—oseph W. Bailey.

The path of sorrow, and that path alone, Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown.—Cowper.

Physical laws have their analogy in social and industrial life. The law that builds up the people is the law that builds up industry.—Coolidge.

The best place to build an enduring monument to one's self is not in the grave-yard at the journey's end, but in the hearts of our fellow mortals.—Hengerer Mirror.

Half the victories of life come from a confident belief that one is going to win. The world has little use for the man who is continually down at the heels.—Anonymous.

A Plea for Teachers.

"Without vision the people perish." Without education there can be little vision. Of education it may be said that "It is twice blest: it bleaseth him that gives and him that takes."

It will be greatly worth the effort if we can impress this thought upon the young manhood and womanhood of the nation and re-direct their interest and patriotic zeal to the idea of making a proper contribution to the educational work. It is regrettable that so few young men and women, equipped for such service, are now, adays disposed to give their time and talents to teaching. Education needs their young eagerness, zeal and enthusiasm.

There is no school of discipline more effective than that in which the teacher goes to school. We could do no greater service than by convincing those young men and women who have enjoyed educational opportunities that they owe a reasonable share of their time and energy to teaching.

The strength and security of the nation will always rest in the intelligent body of its people. Our education should implant conceptions of public duty and private obligations broad enough to envisage the problems of a greatly distraught world. More than anything else, men and women need the capacity to see with clear eye and to contemplate with open, unprejudiced mind the issues of these times. Only thru a properly motivated and generously inspired process of education can this thing be accomplished.—Warren G. Harding.

TOPICS IN BRIEF

—Exchanges—

Don't be afraid to speculate. Those who bought German marks now have money to burn.—Hartford Times.

The more the coal people pass the buck, the more bucks the poor people have to pass.—Norfolk Virginian.

Europe might manage to carry her own burdens if her shoulder wasn't occupied by a chip.—Vallejo Chronicle.

School books can be very unreasonable at times. One of them asks when Oklahoma was settled.—Palata News.

People who haven't time to stop at a grade crossing manage to find time to attend the funeral.—Athens Daily News.

Few candidates possess a love for the common people that can survive either defeat or election.—West Palm Beach Post.

It would be interesting to hear Mr. Trotsky telling a Russian audience about the situation in Oklahoma.—Chicago Evening Post.

Oklahoma ought to send for Dr. Cone. It needs to get better and better in every way, and in a hurry.—Florida Times-Union.

It is yet a little too early to tell whether the political issue of 1924 will be the word court or the origin of species.—Macon News.

The truth of the prohibition matter is that the rich are getting as good liquor as ever while the poor are getting poorer.—New York Life.

Miss Lizzie Ford was an Illinois bride of a few days ago. We'll bet she can hardly wait for her tin wedding anniversary to roll around.—Tulsa Tribune.

A former cabinet member says no one nation won the world war. But a group of nations was in the act of winning it when it was called off.—Cleveland News.

The Scandinavian countries have not had a war for a hundred years. But in all that time they have had nothing any other country wanted.—New York Tribune.

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J. C. C. GUNN, Secretary
DECATUR, TEXAS.

Frequent Headaches

"I suffered with chronic constipation that would bring on very severe headaches," says Mrs. Stephen H. Kincer, of R. F. D. 1, Cripple Creek, Va. "I tried different medicines and did not get relief. The headaches became very frequent. I heard of

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and took it for a headache, and the relief was very quick, and it was so long before I had another headache. Now I just keep the Black-Draught, and don't let myself get in that condition."

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Governor Pat M. Neff continues to go out to meet the people. It is rumored that the governor contemplates going out on a later date to meet 'em. Some say he will be a candidate for United States senator; others say he will aspire to the vice presidency. But all acclaim that he will be a candidate.

Mrs. Phillip Bosche, the wife of a missionary in the Congo district in Africa, returned to her home near Kopperl, Texas, the other day. Shortly after arriving, she proceeded to shoot to death her step-daughter. Proof positive that Mrs. Bosche refused to take the medicine she was giving the uncivilized in the Dark Continent.

Colonel Alvin M. Owsley's time to announce will be up in a few weeks. Some time ago he stated he would make his wants known; last week a Fort Worth paper said he had told the paper's editor that he would be a candidate for United States senator. When asked about what he told the Fort Worth paper, the colonel smiled and said nothing.

A musical comedy actress in New York has brought suit against the owner of a dance hall for a cool one hundred thousand dollars, claiming in her petition that while dancing she tripped on a crack in the floor and fell, damaging her knee. She claims that since tripping and falling she has not been able to kick as high or as effectively as formerly. The court will rule that a demonstration in chambers be made.

Alvin M. Owsley, past national commander of the American Legion, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Owsley, here for a few days. Concerning a report printed in a Fort Worth newspaper Friday morning that he very probably will be a candidate for the United States senate, Owsley said he had no statement to make at this time. He leaves Sunday or Chicago and then will go to Detroit, where he will confer with Henry Ford. From there he will go to Washington for the opening congress.—Denton Record-Chronicle

Ford's Investment.

The list of original stock-holders in the Ford Motor Company, with the amount of stock subscribed by each, was as follows: Henry Ford, \$25,500; Alex Y. Malcomson, \$25,500; John S. Gray, \$10,500; John F. Dodge, \$5,000; Horace E. Dodge, \$5,000; Horace H. Rackham, \$5,000; Albert Strelow, \$5,000; V. C. Frey, \$5,000; C. H. Bennett, \$5,000; James Couzens, \$2,400; C. J. Woodall, \$1,000; and Miss R. V. Couzens, \$100.

Of this sum only \$28,000 was paid in cash. Ford put in his car for stock and let Malcomson have twenty-five thousand dollars worth of stock for his guaranteeing seven thousand dollars worth of bills. The Dodges paid no cash, but agreed to furnish materials for the amount of stocks. Most of the others put up notes in whole or in part.

Strelow sold out for twenty-five thousand dollars to Couzens in order to invest in gold mines in British Columbia. Had he stuck, his stock today could be sold for fifty million dollars. The gold mine was a failure.

Malcomson sold to Ford for one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. His stock, it is estimated, would today be worth two hundred and fifty million dollars.

Bennett, Woodall and Frey sold out soon after Malcomson. Bennett and Frey each received twenty-five thousand dollars for their stock from Ford and Couzens.

Ford bought Woodall's stock for five thousand dollars.

Miss R. V. Couzens, sister of James Couzens, took out three hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars from her investment of one hundred dollars.

James Couzens took out thirty-nine million five hundred thousand.

The Grey estate sold its stock for twenty-six million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars after drawing dividends of over ten million dollars.

The investment of Rackham and Anderson, attorneys, yielded them seventeen and a half million dollars. The Dodge brothers took out a total of thirty-four million dollars.

These figures are authentic, having been taken from the books of the Ford Motor Company at request of Allen L. Benson, author of "The New Henry Ford."



Do your Christmas shopping previously.

The Christmas season will mean nothing to you if you do not make someone happy.

Now for a county-wide bond issue for building good roads thruout Wonderful Wise.

Speaking from a meat-eater's viewpoint, we say that all this talk about cattle being cheap is bosh.

As President Calvin Coolidge has just about gotten his fences all fixed, he turned his "bull" loose Wednesday.

Our old friend, Colonel Billie Bryan, is singing low these days. But look out when the fire-works open.

It takes a real man to give and take in the game of life. The whiner brands himself every time he complains.

Keep a-hearing about thirteen and fourteen cent turkeys, but take it from me, ain't seen the track of any such animal in these diggin's.

Cotton is bringing around forty cents today. One year we'll be howling about the prices asked by the merchants for stuff made from this forty cent cotton.

If you are delinquent in paying your city taxes, don't complain about the poor condition of the town's streets. You know the street building fund comes from the tax till.

There's a job we would like to refer to the civic league of Delightful Decatur: Having our streets and back alleys around the square all cleaned up before our Christmas party.

The real Christmas spirit will be strongly in evidence in Decatur during Decatur's Christmas party on the night of Friday, December 14th. Make your preparations to attend this big event.

Reports from Washington say that Senator Morris Sheppard is on the "steering committee." If the committee's work runs short, the senator may find a plenty to do in Texas the coming year.

A California judge sentenced a little girl to the ordeal of doing without cigarettes and whisky for six months recently because she had been found drunk on the street. 'Tis a crew-ell, crew-ell world.

Candidates are making their desires known quietly and in subdued tones, with the promises that bold announcements will be made during the first week in January. And the list is to be a long one, so reports state.

A Mrs. Gilksen, in South Portland, Maine, after being arrested for placing her nineteen-months-old baby on hot coals, stated spirits from God caused her to commit the act. Looks mighty like the work of spirits from some still.

The devilish republicans are having trouble in selecting their leader in congress. Too many of the rascals want control of the machinery. Good, and let the fight continue. When such people fall out, the saintly democrats get their dues.

Two blind men singing and playing on the street. Nickels and dimes showered into the tin cup as the crowd of farmers listened to the music. The heart of the world still beats with sympathy for the unfortunate; there is yet charity in the land.

Effort was made in South Dakota by the Ford democrats to warm up to the Farm Labor Union the other day, but the labor boys refused point blank to fall for the scheme. It is the old, old story; one side wanted the offices, while the other side was to do the voting.

ON THE STREET.

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opinion the Messenger owes success in reaching the promi- and popularity it enjoys today a policy of being on the square with its people."

Postmaster Charley Bradford informed a reporter Tuesday: "I have a cartoon that you should see. It depicts conditions beautifully, but I don't believe your bump of appreciation has been sufficiently developed to properly enjoy it." We assured the p. m. that according to all deductions and reports our bump was well developed, and that we were A-1 in appreciating things worth appreciating. "Well," quothed the p. m., "the cartoon tells in thundering and convincing tones the great wealth and prosperity the republican party has brought to the country since the pie and appertenances were turned over to it." The reporter's bump of appreciation shrunk up immediately.

County Attorney P. L. Gettys, chief counsel for the grand jury in its deliberations, has been one busy man during the present session. Aside from giving the law in cases arising in the room occupied by the Silent Twelve, the county attorney sometimes is called upon to give admonitions to stubborn witnesses. And sometimes the admonitions are set aside by the witnesses, as one young man did one day recently. When the young man's stubbornness became obnoxious to the attorney and the jurors, Gettys had the wilful one marched into the presence of District Judge F. O. McKinsey, and in the presence of the jury the court gave the young man a talk that will stick for some time.

Mayor J. E. Douglass says he hopes to see some improvements in the streets of Decatur, and this hope of the town's chief magistrate will be realized if the tax-payers of Decatur will do their part; that is, if the tax-payers will not run delinquent. For several years, according to the records of Secretary W. G. Standley, it has been the custom of a number of citizens in Decatur to run delinquent in paying their taxes. Taxes must be paid; taxes are necessary if the machinery of a city government is to function. The law states the citizens must pay the operating expenses of their town, county and state. That's the law. Mayor Douglass did not make the law. Secretary Standley is not responsible for it. These gentlemen have been delegated to see that the law is enforced. That's all. Following instructions, Secretary Standley will place the delinquent list in the hands of the city attorney for collection. Remember, with taxes in the city till, the streets of the city will get their portion and we will have better streets.

"Met an old class-mate at the depot the other evening," stated Dr. P. J. Fullingim in conversation with the Messenger reporter. "Hadm't seen him since we attended classes in a medical school in Dallas, and we had a great time in recalling happenings and incidents in our lives at schools. He came to school from off the plains and for four years he was in and out of school. He did not take the

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW AUTOMOBILES

Lonnie Bryan, Greenwood, Ford. Carl Stansell, Decatur, Ford. J. E. Norman, Boyd, Ford. B. B. Sellars, Decatur, Ford. W. M. Stewart, Justin, Ford. Fred Vance, Boyd, Ford. F. T. Kerr, Decatur, Ford. E. E. Evans, Alvord, Ford. Coleman Miller, Paradise, Ford. E. E. Gattis, Bridgeport, Ford. Mrs. M. C. Shaddle, Poolville, Ford. Mrs. T. J. Bassett, Poolville, Ford. M. T. Cobb, Decatur, Ford. Dr. T. G. Rogers, Decatur, Ford. Rhome Garage, Rhome, Ford.

BAPTIST CHURCH

A good rainy day crowd came out to Sunday school and church on last Sunday morning. Rev. J. L. Ward of the college preached at both hours. The pastor preached in Ryan, Oklahoma, at an annual home-coming occasion in the Baptist church there.

The choir of the local church is practicing a beautiful Christmas cantata to be given at Christmas time. Those who heard the cantata given during the holidays last year will look forward with great pleasure to this splendid musical event for this season. Exact date will be announced soon.

The Sunday school voted last Sunday to have a Christmas tree, and committees were appointed to get everything ready.

The pastor will preach next Sunday at eleven a. m. and seven p. m. The purposes of our services are to help people with their problems and burdens, and inspire them to nobler living. The public is cordially invited.—R. E. Bell, pastor.

We pay the best cash prices for all produce and pecans. A. D. Reeves.

course seriously and seemed to have come to Dallas to enjoy the city. One day he disappeared and was out for several days. When he appeared in the class the instructor asked him where he had been, and what excuse he had to offer for being absent. "No excuse at all, fessor; just been trying my hand at street car driving," he replied with a smile. When the graduating class lined up to receive the flowery talks and diplomas at the close of the term, this fellow, with four years' schooling to his credit and for which his father had spent a tidy sum, was seated in the audience, and he cheered each member in the class. When we were leaving school, the fellow greeted us with: "Boys, I want to thank you for the good times you showed me; I've had the times of my life down here, and I have come to the conclusion that I was not cut out for a doctor." He returned to his father's ranch on the plains and the class scattered to the four corners of the world, and today he is reported to be worth around \$100,000."

Promotes warmth, comfort, builds energy
SCOTT'S EMULSION

W. D. Paschall.

Whereas, it has pleased God to remove from our midst our associate and comrade, W. D. Paschall; therefore be it

Resolved, by the members of the Albert Sidney Johnson camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans that the minutes of the organization carry a fitting announcement of the passing of this good man and citizen.

W. D. Paschall was born and reared in Wise county; he was the son of one of the south's defenders in the days when the very souls of men were on trial. From his early boyhood to the day his spirit went out to meet its Creator he was true to every obligation; honest in his dealings with his fellow man; charitable, stalwart and fearless as he trod the path of life. From the cradle to the grave the record he made will stand the acid test of honesty, integrity and true worth. He championed the things that are best and brightest in this world, and when the summons came from his Maker he was ready to cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees in sweet repose from the long journey.

Comrade Paschall was a son of the Old South; his heart beat in time to the sweet notes of "Dixie," and his love was unbounded for the men who wore the gray and wrote their names high on the imperishable scroll of fame.

His splendid council will be missed by our committee of which he was a member. His advice and deep interest in affairs pertaining to the annual entertainment of the remnant of the most gallant and best army that ever trod this planet, was sought by us and the success that has attended the Joe Wheeler park reunions for the gathering of the old soldiers was due this man.

We loved him as a brother; we appreciated his worth, and we mourn with his loved ones at his going, and as "taps" are sounding on the plains of Galilee we bow to the will of the Great Commander. Respectfully,
GUINN WILLIAMS,
W. M. WORKMAN,
DICK COLLINS, Com.
Sons of Confederate Veterans,
Albert Sidney Johnson Camp.

We are county agents for Ralston's Purina balanced feeds. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

GINS REPORT 14,194 BALES THIS SEASON

The tabulation of the card reports shows telegraph summary to be correct. There were 14,194 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Wise county, from the crop of 1923 prior to November 14th, 1923 as compared with 4,805 bales ginned to November 14th, 1922.

STRESSES RESPECT OF LAW AT SCHOOL

A positive stand for law enforcement was made recently by President W. S. Sutton of the University of Texas, in addressing a body of the students.

"The one thing that would minister more powerfully than any other to the development of the University of Texas would be to have and deserve a reputation as a law-abiding community," Mr. Sutton said. Without the support of the student body, any efforts to enforce law are certain to be defeated, and university students can best promote the interests of the school by manifesting a willing obedience to the law. College students of today will be the leaders of the American nation of tomorrow, and it is important that they develop a sense of decency and order. They should not be driven like the Spartans of old, who were policed from cradle to grave, but they should develop a student opinion of their own and throw their support energetically on the side of law."

Absolute Guarantee

COOK'S

E&D

ECONOMICAL DURABLE
HOUSE PAINT

is the most Economical and Durable Paint to use.

Every Gallon Guaranteed

See us for full particulars

Eagle Drug House

COME TO OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY ON NEXT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

GAMBLING

—The man who spends his income as fast as he makes it is gambling in every sense of the word.

—He may win present pleasures but he loses future independence. Friends who hail "the good fellow" now will in day to come slight "the poor beggar."

—It is up to you, young man. Your own dependence or independence is determined by what you save.

—Start a savings account today and add to it every pay day. This is the very surest way to win successful independence.

—We pay interest on time deposits.

The Security State Bank

—Member Federal Reserve System—

—\$60,000.00 Capital—

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

Many
New
Novelties
Now on
Display

Your Christmas Store

Come to our
Christmas
Party
Friday
Dec. 14th

A FEW TIMELY SUGGESTIONS FOR Christmas Gifts

Our intelligent shopping service means much to you, as it does to every season buyer. Here in this store of sensible gift things, we have spared neither effort nor expense to insure your receiving just this character of service. No matter how simple or elaborate the gift you have in mind we shall welcome an opportunity of aiding you in its selection.

FOR KIDDIES.

Gift handkerchiefs in boxes, 50c to \$1.50
Gold set rings, \$1.00 to \$5.00
Dress pin sets, \$2.50 to \$5.00
Baby record books, \$1.50 to \$3.50
Baby toilet sets, \$2.50 to \$6.50
Toy dish sets, 15c to \$1.50

FOR WOMEN.

Diamond rings, \$10.00 to \$25.00
Gold wrist watches, \$9.95 to \$35.00
Gold bar pins, \$5.00 to \$35.00
Pearl necklaces, \$10.00 to \$30.00
Vanity cases, \$2.50 to \$12.50
Bead bags, \$8.00 to \$15.00
Boudoir lamps, \$3.50 to \$8.75
Ivory sets, \$5.50 to \$35.00
Console sets, \$3.50 to \$8.50
Water sets, \$3.50 to \$14.50
Lacquer gift boxes, \$2.50 to \$6.50
Oriental extracts and toilet waters in Japanese hand-made boxes, \$1.00 to \$6.00
Regtime and Ligett's candy in Christmas boxes, 50c to \$7.50
Dorines, \$1.50 to \$3.50

FOR MOTHER.

Mahogany mantel clocks, \$8.50 to \$12.50
Serving trays, \$1.50 to \$7.50
Silver sets, \$15.00 to \$35.00
Nut bowls, \$1.50 to \$3.50
Candlesticks, \$2.50 to \$4.50
Caseroles, \$4.50 to \$7.50
Electric toasters, \$8.75

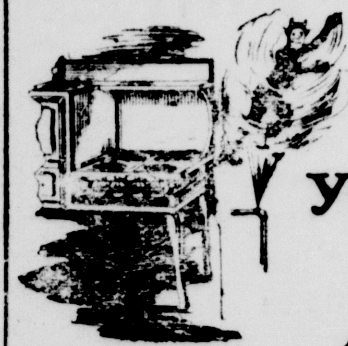
FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Link buttons, \$1.50 to \$12.50
Scarf pins, \$2.50 to \$15.00
Leather bill folds, \$1.00 to \$6.00
Gold and silver belt buckles, \$1.50 to \$6.50
Gold and pearl knives, \$1.50 to \$3.50
Men's pocket watches, \$12.50 to \$30.00
Gold Waldemar chains, \$2.50 to \$12.50
Smoking sets, \$1.50 to \$11.50
Meerschaum pipes, \$15.50 to \$18.50
Xmas cigars in gift boxes, \$1.25 to \$10.00
Military brushes, \$3.50 to \$12.50
Shaving sets and razors, \$1.00 to \$5.00

King Tut incense burners, \$1.00 to \$10.00

CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS—CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS OF ALL KINDS

The EAGLE DRUG HOUSE



Where part of your money goes

AFTER natural gas goes through the meter it belongs to you. You pay for all that is wasted or used. Government engineers declare you get less than half its value. Assuming that you could prevent this loss, some of you are paying just twice what you need to pay.

One of the losses you can prevent easily is leakage. Not only do house lines leak, but there is often leakage in the appliances used.

By checking with the meter, as told in previous advertisements, you can easily find and stop the leaks in these lines. Government estimates place this loss at one foot in every six, so you see it is important enough to justify your attention.

But leaks in your heating and cooking appliances can only be found by careful tests of every joint and burner. You should make these tests. It will prove profitable to you.

Then when your house piping is as near leak-proof as possible, and your appliances are using gas only through the burners, you are in position to use Nature's best fuel with economy, paying only for what you actually use, and prolonging the limited time during which you may enjoy natural gas.

LONE STAR GAS CO.
DALLAS, TEXAS

MAKE IT A

Radio X-mas

I have in stock latest models in the Crosley X-J set, the best, regardless of prices. Ace 3-B sets, model V one-tube sets. Also all kinds of batteries, parts, tubes, wiring, etc.

Decatur Jewelry Company

Local News

NEW FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAIN SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND.				
No.	Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls	
7	10:45 pm	12:21 am	3:30 am	
1	9:45 am	11:08 am	1:10 pm	
5	6:45 pm	8:16 pm	11:55 pm	
SOUTH BOUND.				
No.	W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth	
3	3:30 am	5:26 am	7:00 am	
6	8:09 am	10:30 am	12:01 pm	
2	2:45 pm	4:57 pm	6:20 pm	

Superintendent S. D. Handly and family, Miss Estelle Nobles and Prof. Volus Norsworthy of Ringgold, spent several days here last week.

Dick Ansted was here from Olustee, Oklahoma, last Friday.

John Fullingim of Baylor, Waco, spent several days here as the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Messenger of A. & M. college, were here last Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Roy L. Patton and family of Krum, spent Thanksgiving day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Pickens.

Yes, we have that new polychrome picture framing. Man and Christian.

Jack Rieger and family and Bill Alexander were in Fort Worth Thursday.

Alvin Badger and family of Dallas, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. A. S. Badger.

Gus Hughes spent Tuesday in Dallas.

You will pay fifty-five cents for this same sheeting next spring—nine-quarter brown sheeting for Saturday only, forty-three cents per yard. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

J. A. Parr was here Monday from Sanger.

Misses Marie Rollins of Denton, and Jessie Badger of Dallas, visited relatives here last week-end.

Tupelo cheviots at nineteen cents per yard at Perkins-Timberlake Company.

H. O. Madden was up from Fort Worth Monday.

S. A. Lunn of Oklahoma City, is the guest of relatives here.

The cheapest sheeting in Texas is the nine-quarter brown sheeting for forty-three cents—Saturday only—at Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Senator W. H. Rice and R. L. Thompson were in Waco the past week attending the grand council of Royal and Select Masters in session the first of the week in that city. During their stay in Waco, both were granted certificates in proficiency in the esoteric work of the lodge of R. & S. M. These gentlemen have the distinction of being the only holders of certificates in the Council work in this Masonic district.

Editor Alex H. Whitehead was here Wednesday from Chico.

Save your shopping for the Christmas novelty shop.

Mmes. Steve Lillard, Jr., and Will Terrell were Fort Worth visitors Wednesday.

Stephen Schmidt was here Wednesday from the Alvord country. He is preparing to move his family to the Lubbock Country.

Atta-boy! This sloppy weather is the time we sell the Star brand shoes because they wear longer. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Sam Boyd and Henry Jackson were here from Boyd Wednesday.

Jas. W. Smith, worshipful master of Decatur Masonic lodge, has been attending grand lodge in Waco this week.

Have your holiday picture-framing done early. Man and Christian does work. Have just received big shipment of new moldings.

Mmes. J. W. Bridges and W. H. Casey were here from Paradise Wednesday.

W. R. Litsey of Fort Worth, returned home after a visit to the city.

Ward Jr. visited relatives in Fort Worth Tuesday.

F. P. Timberlake and family and Paul Scott and family spent Thanksgiving with homefolks in Decatur.

Emory Gose and family of Quanah, have this week been visiting the family of Judge John Gose.

See Guy Ash for prices on quality tinting before you have those Christmas photos made.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Harding of Wichita Falls, have been visiting relatives here.

Dean and Mrs. S. R. Spenser of Baylor university of Waco, spent Thanksgiving as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mont Posteer.

"Pride of Texas" continues to lead in sales. Have you had yours today? Lillard's Mill, since '93.

F. W. Denny of Paradise was here Wednesday and made this office a pleasant call. Mr. Denny is a breeder of fine chickens and during the next year expects to pull down some prizes at the Paradise community fair and the Wise county fair.

W. R. Strasner was here Monday from Ryan, Oklahoma.

Yes—we deliver to your house. Phone S. W. 34, Ind. 90. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Heathington of Chico, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heathington several days this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Patterson, on Wednesday, November 28th, 1923, a son.

We are county agents for Ralston's Purina balanced feeds. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Henry Meadows and the Banks brothers were here Wednesday from Paradise.

Dr. John Blanton and A. W. Howell were here Tuesday from Chico.

We have barley, meal, bran, shorts, rice bran, oats, corn chops, Liberty chick feed—some line-up. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Ray of Wichita Falls, visited friends here this week.

A special feature film, "The Beautiful and the Damned," will be shown at the Majestic tonight. Marie Prevost will be seen in the leading role.

Have Guy Ash make those Christmas photos now and get best results.

The Baptist ladies will open their Christmas Novelty shop this Friday evening in the F. L. U. produce house on west side of the square. You are cordially invited to attend the opening.

Misses Blanche and Jessie McCracken and Modena Burnett visited in Handley last Thursday.

Ten yards to the customer—nine-quarter brown sheeting—Saturday only at forty-three cents per yard at Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Miss Laura Sue Rush, who is attending school in Dallas, visited homefolks and friends here Sunday.

J. A. Simpson left this week for Moran on a big surveying job.

Tom Vastine, the 250-pound citizen of Bowie, was here yesterday.

Guy Ash will go to your home and make your children's photographs.

Mrs. P. J. Fullingim returned on Monday from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Los Angeles, California, and other points in the "Golden West." Mrs. Fullingim met a number of former Decatur citizens who are now living in that country, and she stated they were all happy and contented. "That is a fine country; beautiful and everything its most enthusiastic citizen claims for it, but Wonderful Wise is home," stated Mrs. Fullingim.

Jack Rudd of Greenwood, was in town Wednesday on business.

Six hundred yards of Tomahawk nine-quarter brown sheeting at forty-three cents yard. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Miss Wynelle Henderson, instructor in the Fort Worth schools, visited her parents here Sunday.

Boys, try that retail size in hair oil for twenty-five cents at Roe Shoe-maker's shop.

After a life-time of hard labor, one hour can reduce your home to ashes. If you have no protection, then come hard times indeed. See me and get a good policy and sleep well. J. W. Bailey, Decatur.

The L. A. L. Club met Wednesday evening with Miss Velle Blankenship with thirteen members present. After a short business meeting and sewing, a diversion was enjoyed. Refreshments were served. The club will meet with Miss Iris Brown next week.

One lot of hats, your choice \$1.00 Saturday only. Mrs. E. B. Melton.

Bert Davis of this city, swallowed a finishing nail last Saturday while working on the new home of H. W. Barton. The nail lodged in Davis' throat for a time, and after efforts had been made by local physicians to extract it, the young man was rushed to a Fort Worth sanitarium. There an X-ray of his body was made, but the nail could not be located. So far, Davis has suffered no ill effects from having swallowed the nail.

Solid blue and grey cheviots for nineteen cents per yards at Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christian were Dallas visitors yesterday.

Tax Collector Baits states that the new 1924 auto seals have arrived and he is ready to issue auto licenses for the coming year.

Messenger bargain days—November 9th to December 15th—one year Messenger for one dollar!

H. L. Jones has sold his home in Southeast Decatur. Mr. Jones is preparing to build a new and modern residence on South Trinity street.

Homer Williamson has bought the residence just west of the post office.

We are county agents for Ralston's Purina balanced feeds. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Mmes. C. A. Burton, H. W. Barton and H. M. Buttrill were Fort Worth visitors yesterday.

The Methodist ladies report a very splendid patronage of their gift shop at Helm-Dillehay furniture store.

H. H. Ingraham was here Tuesday from Hillsboro.

Another large shipment of those good all-leather Star brand shoes this week. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Baits and G. D. Roberts went to Dallas yesterday, where they attended the wedding of Miss Norine Daniel and Mr. Fred Goodwin, both of Dallas. Miss Daniel is well known here, having attended Decatur College a number of years. She was a member of the class of '21, and was popular among a large number of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lute Renshaw are visiting in Hillsboro.

Our new feed grinder will pulverize anything, and we grind every day. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Misses Addie and Jennie Lee Ham-bright visited in Whitesboro last week.

Like a new one dollar bill—fresh and crisp—Star brand shoes are better. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

We do custom grinding. Flour, feed, meal. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Marco Hill and family of Hillsboro, visited relatives here last week-end.

"The Beautiful and Damned," with Marie Prevost in the leading role, at Majestic tonight.

Yes—we deliver to your house. Phone S. W. 34, Ind. 90. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott left this week for Marlin, where they will remain until Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Short are now occupying the A. B. Conley residence, where they will make their home.

One lot of hats, your choice \$1.00 Saturday only. Mrs. E. B. Melton.

A Sunday singing will be held at Oak Grove on Sunday, December 9th, beginning at two o'clock p. m. All singers of the community are invited to come. Some great singers from out of the county are expected.

Stronger than the law—will keep your feet dry—only \$4.90. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Mrs. W. L. Rush and son, Tom, and Mrs. F. P. Timberlake were Fort Worth visitors on Tuesday.

Faust Nobles and his Timely Troubadors singing aggregation are going to make the welkin ring during the Decatur Christmas party next week. Expect these merry voices to break out in any location and in rendition of every and any kind of melodic singing numbers.

Price is right, quality is perfect and quantity is sufficient in "Pride of Texas" flour. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

The Decatur Repair Shop has installed a special machine for reboring auto, truck and tractor engines; makes them as good as new. Call and see it.

Mrs. James McCarter returned on Monday from several days' visit with Mrs. Vance in Mineral Wells.

Price is right, quality is perfect and quantity is sufficient in "Pride of Texas" flour. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Miss Frances Conley of Ward-Belmont College at Nashville, Tennessee, spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Rush, here.

Our new feed grinder will pulverize anything and we grind every day. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

A new shipment of those novelty and San Ann Stetson hats. Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Mmes. Paul B. Scott and F. P. Timberlake returned to Wichita Falls first of the week, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rush.

AURORA NEWS

Frank Reid, a student in Ringgold high school, was guest of his father, J. D. Reid, last week.

Mrs. Belle Shults was the guest of relatives in Greenwood during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Miss Gladys Troxell was in Fort Worth Friday and Saturday, attending the teachers' convention.

Miss Jessie Willis and Mrs. Otis Oates of Fort Worth, were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Willis.

Mrs. George Wilmoth and daughter, Miss Minnie Lee, of Fort Worth, were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Slimp.

James and Eural Hines of San Antonio, have returned home after a thirty day furlough which they spent with their mother, Mrs. W. M. Hines.

Miss Jennie Belle Simmons, who has recently undergone an operation in Johnston's Sanitarium at Fort Worth, is reported to be doing nicely.

Our hats are off to our commissioner and his faithful helpers for the fine graveled road from Rhone to Aurora. Oh boy, now we can hit 'em on high.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady P. Day and children of Breckenridge, spent the Thanksgiving season with J. D. Reid. They were accompanied here by Miss Alene Reid, who is in school in that city.

The old expert watch-maker repairs all kinds of Swiss, English and American watches. And the only way you can find out is to bring your watches to me and I will guarantee that when you get them they will keep exact time. Have had about forty-nine years of experience. Give me a trial and I will please you. S. B. Johnson, next door to post office.

We do custom grinding. Flour, feed, meal. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

1c Per Word

—CASH IN ADVANCE—

No Ad Taken for Less Than 25c.

WANTED.

WANTED TO BUY—One or more good milk cows now fresh or will be fresh in ten or fifteen minutes.—STANLEY McCORMACK. (49)

WANTED—Young man with small family wants work; no particular kind of work.—R. P. MARSH, care of J. H. Cassidy, route four. (49)

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Fifteen head of good mules and horses; also wheelers, fresno scrapers, etc. See R. H. BARNEY, J. A. SIMPSON or SECURITY STATE BANK, Decatur. (39-4f)

FOR SALE—Mammoth bronze turkeys; young toms weigh from twenty to twenty-five pounds, hens weigh from fourteen to sixteen pounds; prices reasonable.—ANNIE THOMAS, route five, Decatur. (49)

FARM FOR SALE—Owing to old age and failing health, I will sacrifice my home farm for less than the improvements are worth. Have 130 acres, one-half in cultivation; level; no Johnson grass or washes; crops this year will pay for land it grows on; good buildings; soft water; water works; hog wire fencing; ripe fruit from May until frost; grade school; 4½ miles northeast Decatur; graded roads; rural route; easy payments, low interest.—W. M. STEVENSON, Decatur, route eight. (41-4f)

FOR SALE—New 1924 model four-door Ford sedan.—W. P. THURMOND, Decatur. (49)

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Rooms for housekeeping or without housekeeping; also garage; will rent garage separately.—MRS. JULIA TILEY. (49)

NEXT PROGRAM OF LOCAL MUSIC CLUB

Meeting at Mrs. W. P. Thurmond's on Thursday, December 13th.

Serenade (Shubert) by Artie Mae Floyd.

Style, Influence and Effect of the Romantic Epoch by Mrs. P. M. Curry.

Hark, Hark the Lark (Shubert) by Mrs. J. Warren Lillard.

Life of Schumann by Mrs. Black.

(a) Consolation and (b) Confidence (Mendelssohn) by Mrs. Tom Wright.

Life of Chopin by Mrs. S. A. Lillard Sr.

Selection from Chopin by Pearl Elsasser.

Who is Sylvia? by Mrs. Dick Collins.

Selection from Grieg by Miss Preston of the Baptist College.

INVITATION TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Let every man, woman and child in and around Decatur invite friends to Decatur's Christmas Party. Use the following official for invitation:

Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, Christmastown, Texas.

You and your family are cordially invited to come to our Decatur's Christmas party on Friday evening, December 14th, from seven to eleven o'clock. Old-time spirit of hospitality and jollification will prevail.

Mr. and Mrs. Yuletide.

Let each person send not less than one nor more than one hundred of these invitations to his or her friends in Wise county and thruout Texas, using ordinary Christmas cards on sale in the stores.



Santa Claus Is Here

Come to Our

Christmas Party

Friday, December 14th

AND BE SURE TO CALL AT

Lillard's Mississippi Store

Our Entire Store Force Will be Delighted to Have You Call!



The Christmas Center

Do Christmas Shopping Early

Carving Sets

Aluminumware

Electric Irons

Radio Sets

Shot Guns

Dolls

Furniture

Dishes

Wash Sets

Stoves

Mamma Dolls

Sewing Sets

Air Guns

Tricycles

Mutt and Jeff

Games

Books

Horns

Horses

Viols

Sandy Andy

Air Planes

Indoor Croquet

Seals and Tags

Cut Glass

Flash Lights

Targets

Doll Buggies

Dressers

Game Books

Pantry Sets

Doll Heads

Telephones

Books

Silverware

Chinaware

Serving Trays

Dinner Sets

Gas Ranges

Toy Dishes

Cabinets

Embroidery Sets

Tables and Chairs

Teddy Bears

Trunks

Doll Dresses

Autos

Basketball

Trolley Cars

Checkers

Banks

Blocks

Tops

Over and Under

Black Boards

Trick Games

Radio Rex

LILLARD - & - CO

BE SURE AND COME TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 14TH—OUR STORE WILL BE

OPEN TILL TEN O'CLOCK P. M.



In order to make your Christmas Shopping profitable as well as enjoyable, we have arranged several Holiday Specials which will give you a splendid opportunity to secure seasonable goods at Greatly Reduced Prices while selecting the most practical gifts.

Saturday Specials!

LADIES' SHOES & SLIPPERS

—This has been an unusual season for many styles in ladies' footwear. The story goes that if you didn't have them shipped by aeroplane freight, they would be out of style before they reached the Sunny South. We have kept up with the style, and as a natural result we have been caught with about two hundred pairs of odds and ends of the various styles. You will find here during this clean-up sale slippers and shoes that sold recently up to \$5.00 and \$6.00—in lot one for.....\$1.95

You will find in lot two about as many pairs that sold as high as \$8.00—this clean-up shoe sale.....\$2.95

Many other big values in shoes and oxfords in this sale!



Ladies Ready-to-Wear is Reduced

—For the Christmas shoppers we have arranged our dresses, suits and coats in separate groups for your easy selection—and at prices that will move the goods.

Group one consists of coats and dresses that formerly sold up to \$19.50—Saturday selling only.....\$9.85

Group two consists of coats and dresses that formerly sold up to \$24.50—Saturday selling only.....\$13.95

All wool dresses.....33 1-3 discount

Every coat suit in stock goes at.....33 1-3 discount

Brushed wool sweaters—pull-overs and coats.....1/4 off

Men's Suit Specials

47.50 SUITS FOR \$24.95

—Only thirty-five Hart Schaffner & Marx suits left now. Some of these suits were brought over from last season but most of them are this season's suits—former price on some of these suits up to \$47.50. We have just arranged them in one lot to sell for only.....\$24.95

Every suit in the house—priced up to \$19.50—in special lot two, going in this sale for only.....\$13.95

See window to the east—many blue serges in this group!



Boys' Two-Pant Suit Bargains

—Lot one. In this group of boys' two-pant suits you will find them to be absolutely all-wool and many other features that are worth while—former prices were up to \$11.50—special during this sale only.....\$8.50

Lot two. Former prices up to \$7.95—during this special sale for only.....\$5.95

—You will find at this store one of the best selected stocks of useful Christmas gifts to be found in any town this size. Come in and let us help you with your gift troubles. Come in Saturday and all next week and take advantage of these wonderful special bargains offered.

—You are cordially invited to visit our store on Friday evening, December 14th, from seven to ten o'clock—good time for everyone. Music by Home Brew Orchestra.

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